## Press Release

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Lloyd E. Levine Sworn-in as Assemblymember in the Valley's 40th Assembly District Freshman Assemblymember Eager to Tackle Critical Issues Facing Valley Residents

**SACRAMENTO**— Freshman Assemblymember Lloyd E. Levine (D-San Fernando Valley) took his oath of office yesterday as one of the 32 new members of the California Assembly. In doing so, the newly sworn-in Assemblymember pledged his commitment to address important issues facing the Valley such as transportation, education, crime prevention and affordable health care.

"While I am a freshman in today's Assembly class, I am no stranger to these Capitol halls," said Assemblymember Levine referring to his extensive experience in the Capitol as a Legislative Director. "I plan on putting my experience to good use for the Valley, dedicating myself to the crucial issues facing our communities."

Assemblymember Levine has already brought together an experienced staff to assist him. Stuart Waldman, formerly the Chief of Staff to outgoing Assembly Speaker Emeritus Hertzberg, has been retained as the Chief of Staff for Assemblymember Levine. "I hired Stuart because of his experience on the job and his commitment to the Valley. Stuart has worked in this district for the past six years. He knows the people, he knows the job and he knows the Valley," said Assemblymember Levine.

Marc Engstrom was hired as the Legislative Director. Engstrom has significant legislative experience at the Capitol having previously served as a legislative aide, committee consultant, and Chief of Staff. Assemblymember Levine is also very proud to have Adam Hunt of the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program as a Capitol staff member. "I am pleased to welcome Adam to my staff. He is a highly energetic and intelligent young man who will be an asset to my office. It is quite prestigious for a first-term Assemblymember to have an Assembly Fellow and I am particularly gratified by that," said the Assemblymember. Also serving in the Capitol as Scheduler is Renee Carroll who has over a decade of experience in the Capitol working with Senator Steve Peace.

Assemblymember Levine has hired two highly experienced staff members in the Van Nuys district office to help community members and residents with their individual concerns. Jennifer Forkish will represent the Assemblymember as a Field Representative. She previously worked for Congressman Brad Sherman and the Arizona State Senate. Tracey Pomerance-Poirier will serve as a Caseworker for the Assemblymember. She has extensive experience in advertising and civic affairs.

"Valley residents have entrusted me with representing them in Sacramento, and I am honored to have the job," said Assemblymember Levine. "We have a lot of hard work in front of us and am looking forward to getting down to business."